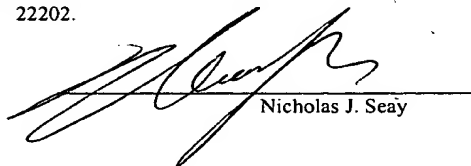


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Dear Sir:

This letter is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed June 21, 2002. Also submitted herewith is a Petition for a two-month extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136(a) for responding to the Office Action and the requisite fee under 37 CFR §1.117(a). Please amend the application as follows:

In the Title:

Please amend the title on page 1, and please update the Patent Office records, so that the title reads as follows:

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